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1. FISHERIES ATTACHE DI PALMA ATTENDED ONLY FIRST THREE DAYS OF SIX DAY ANNUAL MEETING OF NEAFC. DURING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TDY IN WASHINGTON, DI PALMA PREPARED, AND CIRCULATED, A TWO-PAGE STATEMENT, DATED MAY 27, ON THE NEAFC DISCUSSIONS HELD DURING THE FIRST THREE DAYS ON THE AGENDA ITEM DEALING WITH HERRING STOCKS WEST OF SCOTLAND.
2. COPIES OF NEAFC SUMMARY RECORDS FOR SESSIONS ATTENDED WERE LEFT WITH W.L. SULLIVAN, JR., OFA/OES STATE, DURING TDY WASHINGTON.
3. COPIES OF NEAFC SUMMARY RECORDS FOR LATER SESSIONS REQUESTED BY DI PALMA FROM NEAFC SECRETARIST WERE REDIRECTED BY AIRPOUCH TO OFA.
4. COPIES OF THE OFFICIAL CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NEAFC MEETINGS WERE AIRPOUCHED TO BOTH OFA STATE AND NMFS COMMERCE.
5. NORMAN PEASE, WHO ATTENDED FIRST FOUR DAYS OF

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MEETING, MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

6. SINCE FIRST FEW SESSIONS PRIMARILY INVOLVED WITH THE REPORT OF THE LIAISON COMMITTEE AND HARD BARGAINING DID NOT BEGIN UNTIL THE LAST SESSIONS, THE DETAILED ANALYSIS REQUESTED BY REFTEL IS NOT POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, FROM SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH SEVERAL EUROPEAN PARTICIPANTS, DI PALMA UNDERSTANDS THAT REACHING AGREEMENT ON MAIN AGENDA ITEMS WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND NOT ATTAINED UNTIL THE LAST SESSION. THE SOVIET UNION HELD FIRM ON THEIR DEMANDS FOR AN ADDITIONAL COASTAL QUOTA ON NORTH-EAST ARCTIC COD AND THE COMMISSION FINALLY INCLUDED A 40,000 TON COASTAL QUOTA FOR THE SOVIETS EVEN THOUGH THE LIAISON COMMITTEE HAD NOT SUPPORTED THE SOVIET CONTENTION. THE PORTUGUESE AND THE SPANISH REPORTEDLY WERE EXTREMELY INSISTENT ABOUT THE SIZE OF THEIR ALLOCATION FOR NORTH-EAST ARCTIC COD. ALL PARTICIPANTS TOOK HARD BARGAINING POSITIONS ON DIVISION OF THE HERRING QUOTAS; SEVERAL COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR DENMARK, REPORTEDLY VOTED AGAINST THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION FOR ALLOCATION OF THE NORTH SEA HERRING QUOTA. DECISIONS ON LESS IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEMS WERE POSTPONED TO A MID-TERM MEETING.

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